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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my opinion in regards to the Microsoft settlement issue. I believe this settlement is long overdue and will be very beneficial to the present state of our economy.

I feel that Microsoft has had a positive impact on the way we do business as a nation. Microsoft has contributed to the technology sector and has offered quality products to consumers at reasonable prices. I was displeased to see Microsoft punished for doing its job well. Now Microsoft will share information about the internal interfaces of Windows with its competitors and will be monitored by a full-time technical review committee.

I believe the decision to settle with Microsoft was a good one. I hope to see the settlement benefit ~~of~~ IT sector soon.

Sincerely,



Susan Barba

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